



CRESCENT HILLIANS TO TEACH HOW TO CYCLE SAFELY, WITH PANACHE

Coming soon to a library, a council meeting, and a Masonic Home near you: expert instruction on bicycling and traffic safety.

The Louisville Metro government has launched a 48-event, city-wide spring effort to improve the safety of using bicycles for fun, exercise and transportation, by educating cyclists and motorists in the art of peaceful co-existence. And Crescent Hillians are running the program.

The Metro Department of Public Works and Assets contracted teaching chores out to Bicycling for Louisville, a bicycling advocacy organization whose executive director – Barry Zalph – lives on McCready Avenue. You've seen him zipping around on his low-to-the-ground recumbent bicycle.

He is ably assisted by his office manager, Darrell Anne Driskill, who also happens to be his next door neighbor on McCready, *and* the advertising manager of this newsletter. Rob Gieszl, reference librarian at the Crescent Hill Branch Library, did yeoman work for the effort by scheduling all of the classes to be held in branches of the Louisville Free Public Library across the county. And that's most of the classes.

Three different classes are offered, all taught by nationally certified cycling instructors, and Crescent Hill will get at least one of each. *Sharing the Road*, a 30-minute discussion of the legal rights and responsibilities of cyclists and motorists, and of the traffic errors committed by both groups that cause the most crashes, will be presented at 8:30 p.m., May 7, after the regular Crescent Hill Community

Council meeting. Questions and discussion will follow. *Sharing the Road* is aimed at both cyclists and motorists. It will be offered a second time at the Crescent Hill Branch Library at 1 p.m., June 13.

The program offers a two-hour class called *Bicycling Safely*, which goes a bit more into depth on traffic issues, and includes instruction in fitting yourself to a bicycle and helmet and how-tos of choosing places to ride and negotiating potential trouble spots. Two of those sessions will be presented at the Crescent Hill Library – on May 21 at 6:30-8:30 p.m., and on May 30, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The flagship course of the spring cycling blitz is *Confident Cycling*, a 10-hour class in either two or four sessions. It is a hands-on, learn-how-to-ride-and-then-go-do-it course. You will learn everything from the two-hour class, plus basic bike and tire repairs, and bicycle handling skills. You have to sign up in advance for *Confident Cycling*, and each class is limited to 20 students.

One of those was held at the Masonic Home in early April, before you got this newsletter.

You are cordially invited to the 2nd annual Upstarts Upscale Plant Sale, Art and Tea (as in Properly English!) April 25, 9 a.m.– 3 p.m., Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church, 142 Crescent Ave. 893-5381. (Proceeds benefit Youth Group mission trips.)

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